

NOTES ON OUTER MONGOLIA

I. Political:

Population: 850,000 - 1,000,000.

Area: 650,000 sq. miles.

Government completely controlled by USSR
personnel in all offices.

Mongolian Peoples Republic established
(10 June 1921)

18 Aimaks (provinces) - Subdivided into
Somons (pastoral
communities).

Great Peoples Hural - Principal repre-
sentative body.

Little Peoples Hural - Elected by Great
Hural - member/
10,000 people

Presidium of Little Hural - Highest organ of
state authority.

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II. Economic:

90% of population gains livelihood from animal husbandry which is principal asset to USSR. Economy controlled by USSR through joint-stock enterprises operated by Soviet nationals. First country in which joint stock companies operated (1929). As of 1 Jan 1955, companies still there and only ones left in blue.

Almost all foreign trade with USSR - only insignificant exchange with China. Principal exports: wool, pelts, livestock, meat, butter, animal products.

1955 Budget:

Currency:

US \$126,750,000

Tugrik, equals US.25

Industry: Petroleum- Sayn Shanda and Choi
Galsan (reserves potentially ten
times that of China's largest
field, Yumen)

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Transport: Trans-Mongol Railroad - 2,700,000 tons each way per annum - doubles China's rail connection capacity with Bloc; 750 miles shorter than Manchurian route. Opens up Sayn Shanda which is now in commercial production.

III. Sociological:

Appalling standards of hygiene results in lowest recorded life expectancy in world - 20 years, comparable to worst 19th-century Indian conditions. Epidemics widespread. Enormous problem of venereal disease resulting in tendency for population to decline. Path^{ological} hatred of Chinese - continuing conflict with Chinese in the Chinese Communist "Inner-Mongolian Autonomous Region". Primarily due to past role of Chinese as usurers and political administrators. Dislike communism for repression of buddhis shamanistic way of life - which still

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causing government to emphasize need for
anti-religion campaign during past year.
Opposition to communists resulted in disaster
to economy during 1930's when millions of
cattle were privately slaughtered as protest
to collectivization.